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DAR COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT
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FAR/DFARS Cases Discussed:

96-602	ADP/Telecommunications Federal Supply Schedules: Clarifies the use of GSA's Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) program.	Agreed to draft final rule, with edits.
96-607	Year 2000: Provides guidance to ensure that Federal agencies do not procure non-compliant information technology products that would otherwise require premature replacement or costly repairs to make them Year 2000 compliant before December 31, 1999.	Agreed to draft final rule, which slightly modified definition of Year 2000 compliant. Did not agree to add any "warranty" coverage.
95-017	Final Overhead Settlement (PAT): Revises 42.705 to help reduce the time needed for settlement of final overhead rates.	Agreed to final rule, used DCMC provided overhead settlement terminology.
97-016	Contractor Purchasing System Review Exclusions: Recommendation to revise FAR 44.303 to exclude from review under CPSRs certain types of contracts and certain contract line items that may be ordered separately.	Discuss further 06/11/97.
96-325	Compensation of Certain Contractor Personnel: Implements section 809, PL 104-201, which limits Government reimbursement of officer compensation to \$250,000 for FY97.	Agreed to draft final rule.
97-017	Contractor-Prepaid Commercial Bill of Lading, Small Package Shipments: Raises thresholds at FAR 47.303-17(d) and (e), Contractor-Prepaid Commercial Bills of Lading, Small Package Shipments, requiring receipted freight bills for small package shipments from \$25 to \$100, and, the amount the Government may pay for invoiced, but unsupported, transportation charges from \$100 to \$250.	Agreed to draft final rule.
97-D013	Revision of DFARS Regarding Contracting Action Reporting: Revises DD Form 350 to obtain data for contingency contracting actions above SA threshold, and actions applying the newly established special simplified procedures for certain commercial items during the 3-year test program.	Discuss further 06/11/97. Need to reconcile with 95-D708.
97-H711-04	Revisions to DD Form 350, Individual Contracting Action Request: revises DD 350 to conform with changes made in DFARS Case 97-D013, Revision of DFARS Regarding Contract Action Reporting, to align with service information collection processes.	Hold pending resolution of 97-D013.
97-D019	Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS): Conforms DFARS to the draft final rule processed under FAR Case 95-307--replacing Contractor Establishment Code (CEC) with DUNS as a means of identifying contractors in the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). DFARS rule is not to be effective until after the final FAR rule is published. (Baseline is DAC 91-12, scheduled to be published shortly.)	Agreed to final rule.

NOTE 1: DAC 91-12 has been approved and is at the OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) for clearance. It should be published in approximately two weeks.

NOTE 2: The DFARS Case 92-D024, Demilitarization, proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on 06/05/97. Public comment period ends on 08/04/97.

NOTE 3: The new FAR is in the print cycle.